

PLEA FOR AID STILL BEING HEARD BY CHARITY WORKERS

EVERY SOCIETY IN THE CITY IS CROWDED WITH REQUESTS FROM THE DEPENDENT FAMILIES OF UNEMPLOYED WHO NEED ASSISTANCE.

FUND IS GROWING RAPIDLY BUT STILL MORE IS NEEDED

The Present Campaign for Funds to Remedy Suffering in Many Richmond Homes, Will Continue Indefinitely.

WHEN SHOPS OPEN, MEN WILL AGAIN BE EMPLOYED

Then Demand for Help From Poorer Classes Will Not Be So Great, But Until That Time, Must Be Cared For.

POTTER RECEIVES REQUEST

WOMAN IN RICHMOND TELLS THE TRUSTEE OF CONDITIONS SURROUNDING HER HOME AND SHE RECEIVED AID.

"Dear Sir:—My husband is out of work and has gone out into the country to try to get some work. Me and my children are out of food and I would like for you to help me. I have five children. If you doubt my condition you can come and see for yourself. Mrs."

The above note which, in plain, simple phrases tells a tale of suffering, was handed to Township Trustee Charles Potter, Saturday by one of the poorest clad children of the unfortunate woman. He investigated the case at once and found that the conditions at the home of this woman were even worse than she described them to be. Not only was there no food in the house, but there was also no fuel. Mr. Potter took prompt steps to relieve the sufferings of the brave little woman and her five young children. Day by day, cases similar to the one referred to, are brought to the attention of the township trustee, the associated charities and other local charitable organizations. Ask any one of the charity workers in the city if the Palladium is exaggerating the condition of affairs and you will receive a most emphatic "no" in reply.

Trustee Potter has received a letter from Amos W. Butler, secretary of the state board of charities, in which he asks for a statement concerning the condition of affairs in this county and for the plan by which the trustee, the associated charities and the other charitable organizations combine their efforts so that systematic relief work can be done.

The Palladium relief fund is steadily growing and the indications are that it will be possible to raise between \$500 or \$600 or even more. It is hoped that the condition of affairs now existing among the poorer class, will be considerably improved by the middle of next month, when the majority of the factories will open up with at least one-half of their regular working staffs.

Once more the Palladium reminds its readers that every little bit added to the relief fund makes just a little bit more. Take a look at the large number of men loafing in various parts of the city—men who want work, but cannot obtain it—then give what you can to relieve the sufferings of those who are dependent on these men.

EFFICIENCY MEDALS WILL BE GIVEN

Roosevelt Has Decided to Adopt New Scheme.

MUST SERVE TWO YEARS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt has decided to award medals to those persons serving the government satisfactorily for a period of two years on the Isthmus of Panama.

Marriage Licenses. C. M. McMillen, New Castle, to Stella E. Berry, Cambridge City; Oran Ace, Richmond, to Mary Smith, Richmond; Lester Williams, Economy, to Lillian Hardwick, Williamsburg.

BUSINESS RECORD AT THE POSTOFFICE HAS NO PRECEDENT

Monday Was Busiest Day in The History of Richmond And Thousands of Patrons Were Waited Upon.

CLERKS AND CARRIERS SIGHING FOR RELIEF.

Sympathy Was Expressed on All Sides for Carriers Who Resembled Santa Claus—Post Card Record Broken.

Uncle Sam did a land office business at the local postoffice Monday, which was so large that it surpassed all previous records. There were 200 sacks of Christmas presents sent out, while 10,000 souvenir post cards, bearing greetings were mailed. Never did the employees at the local office have such a day of labor. They were busy from the time they went on duty in the morning until the office closed at night. "Regulars" and



A RICHMOND SANTA CLAUS.

"subs" wrestled with the avalanche of matter in a way that was nothing less than heroic, and time and again a complete congestion was threatened. Everybody who saw the carriers laboring along on the streets under a load of mailmatter invariably expressed to them their heartfelt sympathy. For many of the satchels of mail weighed between 75 and 100 pounds. The carriers that were so fortunate as to have sub-stations on their route, deposited their mail there and then used that as a distributing point. This was the case in the east end, and likewise in the northern portion of the city.

It required two clerks most of the day at the stamp window and even then, patrons would be standing five and six in line awaiting their turn. Likewise at the money order and registry windows, it was all that the clerks could do to accommodate the public. The amount of business done at these windows also surpassed anything ever experienced.

Early in the morning the rush began and the turnstile doors at both the Ninth street and A street entrances never stopped until late at night. A constant stream of people poured into and out of the government building. The rural routes also did an enormous business, route No. 8, including a portion of the southern part of West Richmond, being the heaviest. The wagon on this route was completely "stuffed" with mail and packages, while on the outside were strapped several bags that were full.

Mr. Spokenhiser said this morning that the clerks and "subs" as well as the carriers, are about exhausted from the work of the past two weeks and that tonight will be a welcome hour for all.

IT WAS A FIT, SAID THE WOMEN.

Denver, Col., Dec. 24.—For the first time in Colorado's history and perhaps in the history of the country, a jury composed entirely of women served yesterday through-out a lawsuit, finally rendering a verdict. The suit was tried before Justice Carlon, and involved the question whether a garment purchased by a woman from a local merchant fitted the purchaser. The jury decided that it did fit.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Snow in north, rain or snow in south portion Tuesday; Wednesday, fair.

OHIO—Wednesday, fair in central portions.

SPECIAL XMAS SERVICE

St. Paul's Church to Meet at Five O'clock.

Early morning Christmas service will be held at St. Paul's Ev. Luth. church at 5 o'clock. A program appropriate to the day will be rendered. Short addresses will be delivered both in German and English. The Sunday school will give a special service in the evening at 7 o'clock.

SOLVES SNORING PROBLEM

Gets Whistle in Windpipe and Musical Sounds Attend.

Watertown, Wis., Dec. 24.—John Knuebler underwent an operation to night for a peculiar ailment. While playing with his son, who was blowing a tuning whistle, the father drew it down, into his windpipe. He did not suffer any particular inconvenience as his breath was drawn through the tube, producing a musical sound. Several physicians noticed the artificial phenomena before the operation, which consisted of opening the windpipe to extract the whistle.

GUARANTORS WILL AWAIT WISH OF MUSIC LOVERS

When They Feel That a May Festival Can Again Be Supported as It Should Be, Merchants Will Back Event.

FINANCIAL FAILURE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

This Led Guarantors to Believe Interest Had Subsidized—To Be Revived in 1909 It Is Currently Reported.

That Richmond will not have a May Musical Festival next spring, has been definitely decided by those who have been its promoters heretofore. For two successive years this city has held unusually successful musical festivals, consisting of choruses composed of local singers and the Theodore Thomas orchestra of Chicago, with prominent soloists. Both years the festival has been a most gratifying success from an artistic standpoint, but financially they have been failures. Both of the past two years, a large deficit has been left for the guarantors to offset and for that reason the local merchants and business men have been reluctant to assume the obligations again. After a careful canvass of the situation it has been decided by the men who have been the chief incentive behind the project that it is best to drop the festival for a year until the musical people get good and ready again to support such a project. It is probable that the musical festival will be launched again in 1909.

SECOND DIVIDEND FROM WHITE ESTATE

This Will Be Turned Toward The Upkeep of White's Institute.

JOHNSON IS TRUSTEE.

THE MONEY RECEIVED WAS FROM STOCK IN A BIG COAL MINING COMPANY—SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

John Johnson, of this city, who is trustee of the estate of Rebecca White, has been notified of the second dividend from this large estate, the proceeds of which are devoted to White's Institute, located near Wabash, Ind.

Miss White was the only heir to the large estate of Josiah White, the original founder of White's institute, and at her death she bequeathed the entire estate to the institution founded by her father. The estate consists of shares in Lehigh mining stock and the dividend just issued amounted to \$700. The amount realized from this estate is contributed to the regular general fund of the institution. Mr. Johnson has just received a letter from the superintendent of the institution stating that plans are being completed for the observance of Christmas among the children of the institution and that special exercises will be observed.

TRUSTEES WILL OBEY THE STATE LAW HENCEFORTH

statute Provides All Trustees' Reports Be Printed in Newspapers in Itemized Form and at Five Cents Per Line.

CTION BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE NEWSPAPERS.

f Trustees Do Not Observe the Law, It Falls Upon the Auditor to Do So and If Neither Does, a Fine Results.

For the first time in several years, the trustees of the various townships in the county will advertise in the local papers their annual reports in itemized form. For some time there has been a law providing for this, but in his county the law was never observed because no penalty was provided in case it was violated. At the last legislature the newspapers throughout the state, had the law amended so that a penalty of from \$50 to \$500 was provided for any violation. This action on the part of the legislature brought tears of joy to the eyes of every newspaper business manager in Indiana.

"By observing the law which requires the township trustee to print his annual report in itemized form it will cost Wayne township over \$100. If I did not comply with the law it would be the duty of the county auditor to have the report printed. In case both of us neglected to have the report printed, we would each be held liable to a fine. The law requires that the trustee shall publish every item of expenditure, so you can see that my report will occupy considerable space in the newspapers," said Wayne Township Trustee Charles Potter today.

For publishing these reports the newspapers receive five cents a line. Not more than one item of expense can be published in one line.

FILIPINOS ARE NOT FIT

Secretary Taft Would Withhold Self-Government.

Washington, Dec. 24.—That self-government should be withheld from the Filipinos until they are better fitted through education is the conclusion Secretary Taft reaches from the investigations he made while in the islands during his round-the-world trip. With sufficient funds this condition might be attained within the present generation, he says, but with only the funds at hand it may take more than a generation to complete the primary and industrial education of the common people. Until that is done we should not lift our guiding hand from the islands.

ENTRE NOUS CLUB WILL CELEBRATE

Fifteenth Annual New Years Banquet.

BANQUET COMMITTEE BUSY

Beginning at midnight, December 31, and continuing until midnight January 1, the annual celebration of the New Year will be observed by the Entre Nous club in their rooms in the Odd Fellows' building. This will be the fifteenth annual celebration by the club and it is expected that there will be a large attendance of the members and their families, to whom invitations have been extended. A banquet will be a feature of the affair. The committee in charge is composed of Elmer Weisbrod, chairman; Walter Lichtenfels, Albert Morel, Ed Kemper, Matthew Klute and Frank Crump.

REV. TYLER NEW COLORED PASTOR

Will Take Charge of North Side Mission, Sunday.

The Rev. Tyler of Dublin, Ind., has accepted the pastorate of the North Side A. M. E. Mission, and will preach his first sermon in his new field of labor, Sunday at 3:00 p. m. Rev. Tyler and wife come well recommended. Allen Jackson, who heretofore has been superintending all of the affairs of the mission, will hereafter confine his work to the Sunday school and literary department.

ROOSEVELTS AT PIKE KNOT

Entire Family Will Stay Five Days.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The holiday plans of President Roosevelt and his family as announced at the White House Monday, contemplate a trip to Pine Knot, Va., the day after Christmas, and a stay at the Virginia estate of Mrs. Roosevelt for four or five days, when the family will return to Washington. Christmas will be celebrated at the White House as usual and the President will be back for the public reception on New Year's day.

The annual visit to Pine Knot affords the president opportunity for cross country riding and wild turkey hunting, pastimes of which he is very fond. Mrs. Roosevelt joins in many of the horseback rides and because of the seclusion of the Pine Knot estate an uninterrupted enjoyment of outdoor life may be had. Arrangements for the trip, which will be made over the Southern railway, were completed today.

MILTON DETCH IS SAID TO HAVE LOST THREE MILLIONS

Former Wayne County Man Invested in Mining Property That Did Not Materialize As Was Expected.

MADE HIS FORTUNE IN MINE OPERATION.

Became Mining King When the Productive Goldfield Country Was First Opened and Was Successful From Start.

"I have it on reliable information that Milton Detch has been, literally speaking, 'cleaned out,'" said a former Richmond railroad man, who is in the city for the Christmas holidays. "The major part of the big fortune he accumulated is now gone, but he is not yet a candidate for the poor house."

Milton Detch is a former Richmond man who went west several years ago. When gold was discovered in southern Nevada, Mr. Detch was among the first to go to Goldfield. He took up stock in numerous mines and some of these mines proved bonanzas. As a result, Detch accumulated a fortune which has been estimated at between two and three million dollars.

This fortune, it is understood, was "wiped out" almost entirely by unfortunate speculation in the Bullfrog "gold" fields. This field failed to materialize as a gold yielder, resulting in the loss of vast sums of money to those who were booming it. It is reported that Walsh, the Colorado millionaire, was the only one mixed up in the Bullfrog deal who came out of it without dropping a fortune.

Mr. Detch's many friends in this city are confident that it will not be long before he has once more accumulated as large fortune as he has just lost. He knows the Nevada game thoroughly and to those who play it in the great gold country, the matter of losing a paltry two or three millions of dollars is of little consequence.

WAR TO BE WAGED ON THE OPEN SEAS

Gompers Made This Declaration Today in Speaking Of Labor Affairs.

INJUNCTION NOT HEEDDED.

PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION BASED HIS ARGUMENT ON THEORY THAT INDIVIDUALISM WILL NOT CONQUER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, said today that union labor will continue to fight against the open shop, notwithstanding the recent injunction against its unfair list. "We are trying to organize all the working men in the United States and will do it," Continuing he said: "The outlook is bright. Next year the fight will be made on the open shop. I am ready to make the plans public. The workingmen cannot fight capital as individuals and must organize."

CHILDREN GATHER IN STORES TO SEE WONDERFUL TOYS

One of the Largest Toy Shops Has Been Crowded With Youngsters, Few of Whom Purchased Anything.

GENIUS DEVELOPED BY MECHANICAL TOYS.

Merchant Says He Would Not Bar Children, for Who Could Tell But What Some Invention Might Be Inspired.

One of the largest stores in the city which has made a specialty of mechanical toys this season, and which has one of the largest displays along this line in the middle west has been daily thronged with children. The entire force of clerks has been busy handling the crowds of children that constantly besieged the place. Many of the children were at the doors of the establishment awaiting them to open in the mornings, and only leaving the store long enough to go home to get their meals, then returning to feast their little eyes on the wonderful things to be seen. A reporter who visited the place, asked one of the proprietors if it was not provoking to have to contend with so many unaccompanied children, all pushing and hauling for more vantage ground, just to get a little nearer the counters.

The proprietor replied, "Yes, it takes all the time of the clerks, when they are not waiting on customers, to control the influx of children, and many stores would not be bothered with them, but then there is another side to the situation that we consider. Then pointing to a small urchin, poorly clad, dirty face, but with the marks of possibilities, the merchant said: "Now, there is a boy who has spent every spare moment since school closed, in our store. See how intensely he watches those electric cars," and sure enough, the lad was so engrossed in the inspection of the wonderful little toy, that he failed to take any notice of the surging crowd that buffeted him time and again.

Continuing, the merchant said: "Who knows but that boy may develop into an Edison some day and astound the world with his inventive genius. No sir! If these mechanical devices prove as an inspiration to some poor boy who won't have any Christmas, don't you think the inconvenience of running a mock kindergarten is compensated?"

So, to many little tots this will be their only Christmas and to them the hardware store is a palace in toy-land.

'POSSUM FOR PRESIDENT

Widow of Famous General Makes Donation.

Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 24.—Two fat 'possums have been shipped by Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet, widow of the Confederate general, to make a part of the Christmas cheer at the White House. On the box in which the 'possums were sent, Mrs. Longstreet penned the following:

"To President Roosevelt, White House, Washington, D. C.:

"These opossums surrendered near the Wren's Nest, Atlanta, both contending unflinchingly for the honor of furnishing the Christmas dinner for the American prince and his family."

"Being so evenly matched in size, complexion, quality and good looks, it seems an unspendable cruelty to both by selecting either at the expense of the other, so they both are sent on the unreturning journey, bearing the loyalty of the great Empire State of the South, closely followed by the envious admiration of the entire animal kingdom of Georgia."

Mrs. Longstreet has been fattening the 'possums for a month, feeding them mostly on persimmons.

TRIED TO POISON PARENTS

Young Couple Held on Serious Charge.

COME RECOMMENDED.

Circleville, O., Dec. 24.—Harness Yokum was bound over today on the charge of aiding Edna May Edledge in an unsuccessful attempt to poison her mother. It is alleged Yokum and Edna wanted to get married but could not obtain permission from the girl's parents, and sought to get them out of the way by putting poison in the tea served at family breakfast. The girl is also held for trial.